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High Speed Project
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the high speed freight corridors projects and the carrying capacity of the projects and the investment requirements for such corridors;

(b) whether goods carried by such corridors would have a freight cost higher than existing freight trains; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a): (1) Two Dedicated Freight Corridors(DFC) projects on the Western and Eastern routes have been sanctioned and are under implementation at a cost of ` 81,459 crore (excluding cost of Sonnagar-Dankuni Section of Eastern DFC).
The present status of project implementation is: (i) Compensation Award of 85% of land has been completed, (ii) 65% of civil contract and 48% of system contract have been awarded, (iii) The physical progress of civil work is 20%.

(2) The freight carrying capacity of the two corridors would be over 500 billion NTKM per year.

(b): The unit cost of freight transport on the two corridors will be lesser than that of Indian Railways.

(c): Does not arise.

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